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### **NEW YORK FALL POTATO PRODUCTION DOWN**

New York production of fall potatoes for 2010 is estimated at a record low 4.83 million hundredweight (cwt.), down 2 percent from a year ago. Harvested acreage, at a record low 16,100 is unchanged from the November forecast but 400 acres less than last year. The average yield, forecast at 300 cwt per acre, is down 15 cwt from November's forecast and the same as last year's yield.

U.S. production of fall potatoes for 2010 is forecast at 351 million cwt., down 3 percent from the November forecast and 8 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 882,800 acres, is slightly above the November forecast but 4 percent below the 2009 estimate. The average yield, forecast at 409 cwt. per acre, is down 1 cwt. from November's forecast and down 20 cwt from last year.

Idaho's yield is forecast at 389 cwt. per acre. Due to cool, wet spring weather, emergence lagged about ten to fourteen days behind the previous year and the five year average. Production in Idaho, at 114 million cwt, is down 14 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is the lowest since 1980.

In Colorado, growing conditions were generally favorable in the San Luis Valley. Oregon's crop was delayed due to wet conditions. Acreage in California was significantly lower due to the water shortage stemming from drought conditions. Yields were also adversely affected by a cool spring and fall rains.

In North Dakota, crop condition was rated mostly good to excellent throughout the growing season. Harvest progressed ahead of normal and was virtually complete by mid-October. Wisconsin growers reported average crop conditions and below normal crop size.

In Maine, potato development was ahead of schedule by mid-June. Field conditions were reported to be excellent, with many growers beginning harvest in early September.

In eastern Washington, below normal temperatures aided plant growth. In the western area, crop progress slowed due to surplus rainfall.

### ***Fall Potato Acreage, Yield and Production, New York and United States, 2008-2010***

Crop	Acres for harvest			Yield per acre			Production		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 acres</i>			<i>Cwt.</i>			<i>1,000 cwt.</i>		
<b><u>New York</u></b>	17.8	16.5	16.1	320	300	300	5,696	4,950	4,830
<b><u>United States</u></b>									
Total Fall States	922.0	917.2	882.8	411	429	409	378,588	393,544	360,850

## **NEW YORK DRY BEAN YIELD ESTIMATED AT RECORD HIGH**

Dry bean yields in New York for the 2010 crop averaged a record high 1,970 pounds per acre, up 730 pounds per acre from last year according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York office. Harvested acreage, at 14,800 acres was down 5 percent from last year, and is a record low. Dry bean production totaled 292,000 hundredweight (cwt.), up 51 percent from last year's record low production.

Light red kidney bean production in the state is estimated at 98,000 cwt. compared with 51,000 cwt. in 2009. Production came from 5,300 acres harvested. Light red kidney beans accounted for 34 percent of the total dry bean production in New York. Dark red kidney bean production is estimated at 32,000 cwt. compared with 31,000 cwt. in 2009. Black turtle

bean production is set at 130,000 cwt., up 34 percent from the 97,000 cwt. produced a year earlier. Production of all other varieties totaled 32,000 cwt, up 129 percent from a year ago.

U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 31.3 million cwt. for 2010, up 23 percent from 2009. Planted area is forecast at 1.91 million acres, up 23 percent from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.83 million acres, 25 percent above the previous year. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,706 pounds per acre, a decrease of 31 pounds from 2009.

Production is expected to be higher in 12 of the 17 States in the dry bean program in 2010. The top five producing States all showed increased production from last season.

### **Dry Bean Production by Class, New York and United States, 2008-2010**

Class	New York			United States		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
	<i>Thousand bags 1/</i>			<i>Thousand bags 1/</i>		
Light Red Kidney	141	51	98	1,023	967	960
Dark Red Kidney	39	31	32	992	850	817
Black	133	97	130	2,923	3,010	4,654
All Other	11	14	32	20,620	20,600	24,864
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>25,558</b>	<b>25,427</b>	<b>31,295</b>

1/ 100 lb. bag (cleaned basis).

## **U.S. HIRED WORKERS UP 4 PERCENT WAGE RATES UP 2 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO**

There were 1,157,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 10-16, 2010, up 4 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 826,000 were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 331,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.13 per hour during the October 2010 reference week, up 20 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.49 per hour, up 27 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$10.27 per hour compared with \$10.28 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.43 per hour, was up 19 cents from last year.

### **Hired Workers on Farms and Wage Rates**

Item	Northeast 1 1/			United States		
	Oct. 11-17, 2009	July 11-17, 2010	Oct. 10-16, 2010	Oct. 11-17, 2009	July 11-17, 2010	Oct. 10-16, 2010
	<i>Thousand workers</i>					
All hired workers	41	38	39	829	885	826
Worked 150 days or more	28	25	27	605	627	588
Worked less than 150 days	13	13	12	224	258	238
	<i>Hours worked per worker</i>					
All hired workers	38.5	43.7	44.3	39.0	40.7	41.7
	<i>Dollars per hour</i>					
Field workers	9.96	9.81	10.95	10.22	10.09	10.49
Livestock workers	9.93	9.59	10.10	10.28	10.15	10.27
Field and livestock workers	9.95	9.73	10.65	10.24	10.11	10.43
All hired workers	10.41	10.35	11.17	10.93	10.79	11.13

1/ New York and New England States (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT) are combined into Northeast 1 region.

## **NOVEMBER MILK PRICES DECREASED FROM OCTOBER**

Prices received by New York producers for milk sold during November were down from a month earlier, according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. The price of potatoes and apples decreased while corn increased. The price of hay was unchanged. Many previous month prices were revised due to more complete sales information.

Grain corn, at \$5.18 per bushel, was up 18 cents from October and increased \$1.38 from last year. Hay averaged \$104.00 per ton, unchanged from October but down \$24 from November 2009. Potatoes averaged \$13.40 per cwt, down 10 cents from October but up \$1.20 from last year. Apples averaged \$26.80 per cwt, down \$2.40 from October but up \$1.20 from last year.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$19.30 per hundredweight of milk sold during November, down 20 cents from October but \$3.30 more than November a year ago.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 159 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 4 points (2.6 percent) from October. The Crop Index is up 9 points (5.4 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for soybeans, corn, lettuce, and eggs and lower prices for hogs, milk, apples, and cucumbers. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of milk, cotton, cattle, and corn offset decreased marketings of soybeans, potatoes, peanuts, and lettuce.

### **Prices Received by Farmers 1/**

Commodity	Unit	New York			United States		
		Nov 2009	Oct 2010	Nov 2010	Nov 2009	Oct 2010	Nov 2010
		<u>Dollars</u>			<u>Dollars</u>		
Corn	bu.	3.80	5.00	5.18	3.65	4.32	4.59
Oats	bu.	-	-	-	2.02	2.37	2.57
Wheat	bu.	-	6.47	-	4.79	5.87	6.21
Barley	bu.	-	-	-	4.46	3.75	3.76
Soybeans	bu.	-	-	-	9.53	10.20	11.20
Hay, baled	ton	128.00	104.00	104.00	105.00	113.00	111.00
Potatoes	cwt.	12.20	13.50	13.40	7.22	6.77	7.65
Apples, fresh market 2/	cwt.	25.60	29.20	26.80	33.30	34.90	32.10
Milk, wholesale	cwt.	16.00	19.50	19.30	15.40	18.50	17.90
Milk cows 3/	head	-	1,300.00	-	-	1,330.00	-
Eggs, table market	doz.	-	-	-	0.884	0.654	1.020
Slaughter cows	cwt.	39.90	48.60	4/	41.70	52.70	51.90
Steers and heifers	cwt.	72.80	77.20	4/	85.40	98.80	100.00
All slaughter cattle	cwt.	44.30	52.10	4/	79.60	93.10	94.10
Calves	cwt.	72.90	58.80	4/	104.00	120.00	122.00
Hogs	cwt.	41.40	51.60	4/	40.30	53.30	47.20
Lambs	cwt.	82.60	110.00	4/	97.70	138.00	4/
<u>Index (1990-92=100)</u>							
Prices received					136	155	159
Prices paid					178	186	188
Ratio prices received to prices paid					76	83	85

1/ Mid-month price for current month. Average price for entire month shown for previous periods.

2/ New York price is equivalent packinghouse door.

3/ Milk cow prices published quarterly.

4/ Price available next month.

### **Commercial Livestock Slaughter, October 1/**

Species	Number Slaughtered				Total Live Weight			
	New York		United States		New York		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<u>1,000 head</u>		<u>1,000 head</u>		<u>Million pounds</u>		<u>Million pounds</u>	
Cattle	3.2	3.0	2,886.1	2,865.9	3.7	3.3	3,772.9	3,705.9
Calves	10.2	10.1	83.5	71.4	.9	1.0	20.6	19.2
Hogs	2.5	2.6	10,319.2	9,733.5	.5	.5	2,800.0	2,685.1
Sheep and lambs	3.1	3.4	218.7	202.3	.3	.3	28.6	26.3

1/ Slaughter in federal and non-federal inspected plants. Excludes farm slaughter.

## **NOVEMBER MILK PRODUCTION**

New York dairy herds produced 1.03 billion pounds of milk during November. Milk cows were unchanged while production per cow was up from the previous year resulting in a 4.6 percent increase in milk production compared to November 2009. The number of milk cows averaged 611,000 head, unchanged from November of the previous year. Milk per cow averaged 1,680 pounds, up 75 pounds from the November 2009 rate.

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 14.4 billion pounds, up 3.1 percent from November 2009. October production, unrevised at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 3.3 percent from October 2009. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,722 pounds for November, 41 pounds above November 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.37 million head, 57,000 head more than November 2009, but unchanged from October 2010.

### ***Dairy Briefs***

Item	Unit	New York			23 Major States		
		Nov 2009	Oct 2010	Nov 2010	Nov 2009	Oct 2010	Nov 2010
Milk Production	Mil. lb.	981	1,054	1,026	13,979	14,784	14,411
Milk per cow	Lb.	1,605	1,725	1,680	1,681	1,766	1,722
No. of milk cows	Thou. hd.	611	611	611	8,314	8,371	8,371

### ***Dairy Products Manufactured***

Item	Unit	New York			United States		
		Oct 2009	Sep 2010	Oct 2010	Oct 2009	Sep 2010	Oct 2010
Butter	Thou. lb.	N/A	N/A	N/A	113,084	113,790	121,559
American cheese	Thou. lb.	N/A	N/A	N/A	349,403	353,837	363,666
Mozzarella cheese	Thou. lb.	15,608	15,637	15,677	278,106	291,023	291,769
Yogurt, plain and flavored	Thou. lb.	N/A	N/A	N/A	309,431	389,217	351,220
Ice cream, hard	Thou. gal.	2,754	N/A	N/A	68,602	74,089	61,264

## **NEW YORK EGG PRODUCTION DOWN 1 PERCENT IN OCTOBER**

Egg production on New York farms totaled 100 million eggs in October, down 1 percent from last year. The number of hens and pullets of laying age, at 3.98 million, decreased 2 percent from October 2009 but the rate of lay increased 1 percent to 2,511 eggs per 100 layers.

United States egg production totaled 7.68 billion during October 2010, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.60 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 71 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2010 averaged 336 million, up slightly from last year. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,285 eggs, down slightly from October 2009.

### ***Poultry Briefs***

Item	Unit	Oct 2009	Sep 2010	Oct 2010	Oct 2009	Sep 2010	Oct 2010
		<u>New York</u>			<u>United States</u>		
Egg type layers	Thou.	2/	2/	2/	280,554	281,085	279,012
All layers	Thou.	4,066	3,949	3,983	335,819	337,649	335,846
Eggs per 100 layers	No.	2,484	2,380	2,511	2,292	2,218	2,285
Eggs produced	Mil.	101	94	100	7,696	7,488	7,675
		<u>North and South Atlantic States</u>			<u>United States</u>		
Chicks hatched, egg-type	Thou.	2/	2/	2/	37,566	37,023	41,263
Chicks hatched, broiler type	Thou.	2/	2/	2/	730,698	798,529	766,978
Chicken eggs in incubators							
Egg-type 1/	Thou.	8,419	10,281	9,842	34,541	39,427	38,646
Broiler-type 1/	Thou.	227,977	240,926	242,747	579,357	621,928	618,051

1/ First day of following month.

2/ Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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